

# Sierra Conservation Center



California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
**Heidi M. Lackner**, Warden

## Visitor Handbook



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# Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown



**Heidi M. Lackner, Warden**

Heidi Lackner has been appointed Warden at the Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown, where she has served as acting Warden since 2012 and was Chief Deputy Administrator from 2011 to 2012. Her past work experience includes numerous management positions within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She has most recently served as Associate Warden at Mule Creek State Prison and was Correctional Administrator from 2004 to 2011 being appointed Director, Division of Support Services in 2007.

Prior experience includes Facility Captain and Correctional Business Manager at Folsom State Prison from 1998 to 2004, Correctional Business Manager at the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center from 1995 to 1998, and Staff Services Manager at California State Prison, Solano from 1993 to 1995. She also held positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Headquarters from 1985 to 1993 within Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Fiscal Management.

Ms. Lackner earned a Master of Arts degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

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# Mission Statement

## Sierra Conservation Center Jamestown - Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Sierra Conservation Center is to provide housing, programs and services for minimum and medium custody inmates. SCC is one of only two prisons in the state responsible for the training and placement of male inmates in the Conservation Camp Program. SCC administers 19 male camps located from Central California to the Mexican border.

## Institution Details

SCC was opened in 1965, and covers 420 acres. SCC functions as the center for training staff and inmates in firefighting techniques, providing cooperative agencies with an able-bodied, trained work force for fire suppression and other emergencies such as floods and earthquakes. In addition, fire crews work on conservation projects on public lands and provide labor on local community services projects. The CDCR/CALFIRE annual operating budget is approximately \$2.35 million per camp.

The prison was originally separated into two dormitory-type facilities for minimum and low-medium custody inmates. In 1987, SCC expanded and broke ground for the Level III Unit which houses high-medium custody inmates in one of the five (5) 270 design buildings.

Each of the 19 Conservation Camps is a self contained "prison without walls." The camps are sited in rural or wilderness areas for fire suppression. Inmates assigned to camps are dispatched when needed to fight wild land fires and other emergencies and a variety of community work projects.





## **Fast Facts on the California Department of Corrections And Rehabilitation Conservation Camp Program**

### **Established 1946**

For more than 60 years, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Conservation Camp Program provides California with an able-bodied, well-trained, and well-equipped workforce for fire suppression and other activities. CDCR inmates risk their lives to fight wildfires while taking advantage of positive rehabilitation programs. The program plays an integral role in California's statewide wildfire response.

Established in 1946, the program has 42 adult and two Division of Juvenile Justice conservation camps statewide. CDCR jointly manages 37 adult and juvenile camps with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Five adult camps in southern California are jointly managed with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The cooperative nature of the partnership makes the CDCR program a success at all levels. The crews perform a vital public service that benefits Californians as well as state, fed-

eral, county and local government agencies. More than 4,400 offenders are in the program. Approximately 200 crews log an average of more than three million person hours a year fighting wildfires and responding to floods, earthquakes, and search and rescue missions.

When not responding to emergencies, crews put in an additional seven million hours every year working on conservation projects on public lands and community service projects. Fire crews clean up campgrounds, beaches and parks, and provide the labor for weed abatement and other projects that help reduce the risk of fires and other disasters.

Inmates and CDCR fire camp staff also benefit communities when they are not fighting fires by participating in presentations to schools and juvenile group homes to encourage young people to avoid drugs and alcohol. The program is estimated to save the State of California more than \$80 million annually that otherwise would be paid to accomplish the same tasks.



**Inmate Fire Fighters on the RIM Fire August 2013**



### Vallecito Conservation Camp #1

3225 Six Mile Road — Angles Camp, CA 95222 — PH: 209-736-4922

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 13

#### Camp History

Vallecito Conservation Camp, CC#1, was constructed and opened in 1958. The camp's primary mission is to provide inmate firefighting crews for fire suppression and flood control activities in Calaveras and Tuolumne County areas as well as throughout the state of California. In addition to fire suppression and flood control, inmate fire crews provide a workforce for community service projects in the local area. The CAL Fire in-camp project is fire hose pressure testing and repair. The CDCR in-camp project is a large vegetable garden.

Vallecito Camp maintains and operates a Mobile Kitchen Unit (MKU) which is dispatched to various emergencies throughout the state and is capable of serving large quantities of meals in remote areas. CDCR and CAL Fire share the responsibility of training the supervising the inmate crew necessary to support this operation.

#### Community Service Projects - include clean up and grounds maintenance for the following areas:

Big Trees State Park, Army Corps of Engineers - New Hogan Lake, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, United States Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras County Fairgrounds, Local Water Districts, County Schools, and County Parks

### Francisquito Conservation Camp #4

35100 N. San Francisquito Canyon Road — Santa Clarita, CA 91390 — PH: (661) 296 - 4409

CDCR Staff: 8 — LACFD Staff: 9

#### Camp History

Francisquito Conservation Camp, CC#4, was opened in October 1981. The camp is jointly operated by the CDCR and the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD). The camp was used as a Los Angeles County fire-training center prior to its opening as a CDCR and LACFD inmate fire suppression camp. Inmate crews are utilized in wild land fire suppression as well as county conservation assignments, including but not limited to maintenance of the California Aqueduct, local parks, and fire stations. The camp inmates work primarily in Los Angeles County, but may be called upon to work throughout the state in fire suppression tactics.

#### Camp Products / Projects

During the 2009 calendar year, the Francisquito Conservation Camp provided, through project and conservation work, the local communities with 53,760 man-hours, state agencies with 29,960 man-hours, and federal agencies with 36,065 man-hours. In addition, inmate firefighters provided 2584 crew-hours in firefighting and flood suppression work. In 2009 alone, the inmate firefighters at Francisquito Conservation Camp saved California taxpayers, through cost avoidance work, \$1,297,820.



### Miramonte Conservation Camp #5

49039 Orchard Drive — Miramonte, CA 93641 — PH: (559) 336-2312

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 11

#### Camp History

Built in 1949 just outside Sequoia National Forest at an elevation of about 3,000 feet secluded in the oak studied foothills 55 miles east of Fresno, Miramonte has just celebrated its 60th year of providing fire protection and community services to the Fresno and Kings County area. During this period, Miramonte Camp left a positive mark within the surrounding communities. This includes inmate built rock walls, stairs and water culverts dotted throughout the area and the memories of seeing inmates and the "red buses" working in the community.

#### Camp Products

Miramonte was originally designed to produce products within its Welding, Carpentry, Truck Auto Body and Paint Shops. Many time era evolutions within each of these industries have brought all but the Welding and Carpentry shop to near closer. These shops still produce basic welding products, along with wooden cabinets and signs. In addition, the camp repairs many of the wooden and metal CAL Fire and US Forest Service signs in the area.

#### Community service projects

Miramonte's 60 inmates are trained firefighters ready for immediate response to emergencies, averaging over 86,000 man hours of Community Service Projects each year. This translates into an annual state taxpayer savings of over \$860,000. Combining Firefighting and Service Projects, Miramonte inmates provide an annual potential savings of over 1.8 million dollars in labor costs.

Examples of these projects include work at: Millerton Lake (Bureau of Reclamation/California State Parks and Recreation); Pine Flat Lake (US Army Corps of Engineers); Highway 180 Litter Removal (Cal Trans); Hume Lake and various Campgrounds (US Forest Service); Friant Fish Hatchery (California Dept Fish and Game); Fresno/King Unit Fire Stations (Cal FIRE).



### Mountain Home Conservation Camp #10

P. O. Box 647 — Springville, CA 93265 — PH: (559) 539-2334  
CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 14

#### Camp History

Mountain Home Conservation Camp was first opened on the Mountain Home State Forest in 1947, under the direction of the California Division of Forestry (CDF) and the California Youth Authority (CYA). This was a 20-man summer spike camp located at the current Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest summer warehouse at the elevation of 6,500 feet above sea level. In the winter the camp would return to Coarsegold in Madera County. This continued for an unknown length of time. In 1955, the CDF and CDCR opened a 30-man spike camp at the same location and wintered at Coalinga to help on the construction of the Murrieta Conservation Camp.

In 1959, under the direction of Governor Edmund G. Brown, the Director of Department of Natural Resources, DeWitt Nelson and the Director of Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Richard McGee, announced and began construction of the current Mountain Home Conservation Camp. In 1960, Mountain Home became the first mobile Conservation Camp. Thirteen semi-trailer rigs housed the mobile camp of 42-Inmates, five correctional employees, and six forestry employees. This mobile camp and the summer camp were used in the construction of the current Mountain Home Conservation Camp.

#### Camp Products

Mountain Home in-camp projects include a Sign Shop that provides signs and plaques that are made from Sequoia Redwood to various State Agencies. Mountain Home builds custom wood furnishings to include office cabinets, work stations, picnic tables, arbors as well as lawn furniture.

#### Community service projects

In an average year, Mountain Home Conservation Camp inmates provide over 115,000 man hours of conservation and other public service work to tax-supported local, state, and federal agencies in the Cal Fire Tulare Unit area. Over 90,000 hours of work are performed in fire fighting or other emergency services. It is estimated that the Mountain Home Conservation Camp, through their cost effective work efforts, save the California taxpayers well over \$2,000,000 during the calendar year.

Mountain Home provides extensive work for the Mountain Home State Forest, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (at Lake's Kaweah and Success), the Tulare County Road Department, and the Tulare County Office of Education, School of Science and Conservation (SCICON), to name a few.



### Acton Conservation Camp #11

8800 Soledad Canyon Road — Acton, CA 93510 — PH: (661) 268-0113  
CDCR Staff: 8 — LACFD Staff: 10

#### Camp History

Located in Los Angeles County and in part of the Angeles National Forest, Acton Conservation Camp or "Camp 11" was originally utilized as a "Road Camp" where workers lived responsible for the construction of the 14 Freeway. The camp was later occupied by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department used to house County Inmates.

In the early 1970's the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) moved into the camp, named "Camp 1" at that time. "Camp 1" was used to house and train non-incarcerated Fire Control Laborers with four "Hand" Crews and one "Helitack" crew that responded to wild land/brush fire until the early 1980's when a new agreement with the CDCR was reached.

Since that time, Acton Conservation Camp #11 has been a cooperative partnership between LACO Fire Department and CDCR. Camp 11 has proudly served the citizens of Los Angeles County and the State of California. The Camp 11 Fire Crews respond to wild land/brush fires and other natural disasters from the Mexico border in the south to the Oregon border in the north. Camp 11 is one of the busiest Fire Camps in the State, averaging over 500 fire responses a year.

#### Community service projects

Total # of estimated annual completed work service projects: 100,000 man-hours

#### Project Descriptions:

- Trail Maintenance/Hazard Reductions (U.S. Forest Service, State & County Parks/Facilities)
- Site Beautifications (Palmdale High School Baseball/Softball Facilities, U.S. Forest Service, State and County Parks/Facilities)
- Completed Museum for Leona Valley Historical Society





## Pilot Rock Conservation Camp #15

P.O. Box 10 — Crestline, CA 92325 — PH: (909) 338-1950

CDCR Staff: 8 — CAL Fire Staff: 14

### Camp History

Pilot Rock Conservation Camp (CC #15), under the Administrative Supervision of SCC, was constructed in 1959. The primary mission of the Camp is to provide inmate fire crews for fire suppression principally in the San Bernardino County, but crews may respond anywhere in the State. In addition to fire suppression, inmate hand crews provide a work force for conservation and community service projects.

### Camp Products

CAL Fire in-camp projects include Upholstery/Canvas Shop (including fire hose packs and fire curtains), Vehicle Maintenance Shop, and Cabinet/ Wood Shop. Products are provided to local tax supported governmental agencies.

### Community service projects

Pilot Rock crews have done extensive work with the Bark Beetle infestation eradication project in the communities of Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, Wrightwood and surrounding communities. Crews regularly work on projects with the San Bernardino County Flood Control, and nearby communities. Projects include work such as weed abatement, falling dead trees, clearance of waterways and general clean-up work.



## Holton Conservation Camp #16

12653 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road — Sylmar, CA 91342 — PH: (818) 897-7071 or (818) 897-7038

CDCR Staff: 9 — LACFD Staff: 11

### Camp History

Originally, Camp 16 was located in Mt. Gleason until 2009 when the tragic Station Fire claimed the lives of two of the honorable Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) camp staff (Captain T. Hall and Fire Fighter Specialist A. Quinones) and reduced the facility to ash and rubble. Following the fire, the camp relocated to its current location in Sylmar, California where the Holton camp served as a probation camp from its opening in 1958 until the transition to a unified CDCR and LACFD wild land firefighting camp in 2009.

### Service

The camp is staffed by LACFD and CDCR personnel who supervise CDCR inmates who respond to various calls for service which include but are not limited to rescues of stranded motorists, structure protection, and wild land firefighting. Camp 16 crews worked to clear debris from Pasadena streets and rooftops following a recent wind storm. More recently, they helped to contain many fires, which included the Powerhouse, Silver, and Rim Fires. When not responding to emergency calls, the crews complete work projects in the community that range from park maintenance to fire prevention.

### Camp Product(s):

Camp Holton is the LACFD food dispensary preparation site for emergency incident personnel.

### Community Service Projects:

- Fuel modification at The Hollywood Bowl and other County Facilities
- United States Forest Service camp grounds vegetation management
- Mt. Wilson fuel reduction
- Angeles Forest trail maintenance
- Motor way maintenance (clearing emergency vehicle routes)

## Julius Klein Conservation Camp #19

22550 East Fork Road — Azusa Ca 91702 — PH: (626) 910-1213

CDCR Staff: 10 — LACFD Staff: 14

### Camp History

The Julius Klein Conservation Camp opened on March 1, 1986. The camp consists of 10 CDCR personnel and 14 LACO personnel, which oversee six (6) inmate hand crews and additional in-camp support inmates. The camp is located in the Angeles National Forest near the San Gabriel River.

Julius Klein provides a variety of services to the citizens of Los Angeles County and the State of California. LACO fire personnel provide excellent training, which prepares inmates to safely conduct wild land firefighting operations. They maintain a high level of safety, physical conditioning, wild land knowledge, and work production. In addition inmates have an opportunity to learn skills in construction, woodworking, carpentry, electrical, general mechanics, welding, concrete and other general contractor type skills.

The camp is an excellent environment for inmates to learn valuable life skills, including dedication, commitment and teamwork.

### Inmate Programs

Alcoholics Anonymous, Glen Kirk Bible Study, Crenshaw Imperial Four Square Church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, and the Archdiocese.

### Community service projects

- Fuel reduction and trail maintenance
- Motorway maintenance
- Roadway maintenance
- Roadside Trash and debris collections



### McCain Valley Conservation Camp #21

2550 McCain Valley Rd. — Boulevard CA. 91905 — PH: (619) 766-4393

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 17

#### Camp History

McCain Valley Conservation Camp #16 was established in 1986, and is operated jointly with the CDCR and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire). Since its inception, the Conservation Camp has evolved into a highly mobile work force engaging in all forms of risk disaster mitigation. This includes, but is not limited to, pre-fire fuel management, including the development and maintenance of fire defense improvements and facilities. Also the mission statement of McCain Valley Conservation Camp encompasses a labor force for conservation related projects for local, state, and federal agencies.

In 2012 McCain Valley Conservation Camp played a direct role in controlling the wildfires involving nearly 60,000 acres of wild land on the border between the United States and Mexico. The camp has also assisted in controlling wildfires in Shasta, Riverside, Ventura, Kern, Tulare, Butte, Red Bluff, Humboldt, Tehama, Mendocino, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Imperial, Santa Barbara, Tuolumne, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties, thus saving California taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

This program provides convicted felons with the opportunity to give something back to California citizens while paying their debt to society.

In addition to the missions listed above, the Camp Administration is an active participant in the Border Agency Fire Council (BAFC).

#### Inmate Programs

CPR/First Aid

AA/NA meetings

GED and College Educational programs

Mile Stone

Faith Based Programs

#### Camp Products

Conservation Project for live Oaks, and Cottonwood Trees

#### Community service projects

McCain Valley crews conduct maintenance at local parks, Little League fields, and provide firewood for elderly residents in the community.

### Owens Valley Conservation Camp #26

2781 S. Round Valley Road — Bishop, CA. 93514 — PH: (760) 387-2686

CDCR Staff: 10 — CAL Fire Staff: 14



#### Camp History

Owens Valley Conservation Camp came into existence in February of 1960 with the location being proposed by the Citizens of Owens Valley. The final decision on the location of the Camp was made in November of that same year with selection of a site located in the "Round Valley", an area approximately ten miles northwest of Bishop. By September of 1962 groundbreaking had commenced and the Camp was officially named "Inyo-Mono Conservation Camp". By late October of 1963 the formal dedication and opening of the Camp was held.

Between the years of 1963 and 1982 the operating agency of the Camp varied between the CDCR and the California Conservation Corps. Since January 1, 1982 the Camp has been operated by the CDCR in conjunction with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire).

#### Inmate Programs

Religious services offered for Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons and Christians. Self improvement classes, Prerelease classes and GED Classes are all offered weekly.

#### Community service projects

When not fighting fires, the inmates often perform in excess of 15,000 hours of work in community projects, and over 55,000 hours of work for State agencies in the local region. The primary work projects by the inmates include defensible space improvements, weed abatement, and maintenance of public recreation areas of the local governmental properties.





## Prado Conservation Camp #28

14467 Central Ave. — Chino, CA. 91710 — PH: (909) 597-3917

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 10

### Camp History

Prado Conservation Camp opened on October 1, 1963 and is located in San Bernardino County, 2 miles south of Chino on Central Avenue. The CDCR and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) jointly operate the Camp. Prado Conservation Camp is under the CDCR Administrative Supervision of SCC. CAL Fire management direction is provided by the San Bernardino Unit. The camp has an annual operating budget of approximately \$1.3 million dollars. The cost of housing an inmate at the Camp is approximately \$16,000 dollars a year. The primary mission of the Camp is to provide inmate fire crews for fire suppression principally in San Bernardino County. The camp is centrally located for immediate response to 5 different counties, but crews may respond anywhere in the State. In addition to fire suppression, inmate hand crews provide a work force for conservation projects. The primary project work of the Camp is fire defense improvements, general weed abatement, and public recreation area beautification on tax supported government properties in the local area. Prado Camp has a designed capacity for 80 male minimum custody inmates. One of Prado's inmate crews is made up of the only inmate Heli-Tack crew in the State of California. In addition to the inmate fire crews, Prado Conservation Camp has a Mobile Fire Kitchen Unit (MKU). This MKU may be dispatched to feed in excess of 3,000 fire line meals to feed fire fighters anywhere in the State. Prado Camp also serves as a mobilization center for fires in Southern California. During this operation the Camp may hold as many as 1000 inmates and fire fighters from all over the State, waiting to respond to fires as they are dispatched by CAL Fire.

### Community Service Projects

During the calendar year of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Prado Conservation Camp provided 71,205 hours of inmate fire suppression activities throughout the State of California. When not fighting fires, the inmates were busy providing 43,236 hours working on conservation projects and other community service projects in the local area. Prado Camp has many community service projects that are on-going throughout the year. These projects include: Corona Ponds, Southern Region Head Quarters, San Bernardino Unit Head Quarter, Yucaipa, Chino Hills, Corona Parks and Recreation, Corona Airport, Carbon Canyon, Chino Creek Clean-Up, Chino Hills State Park, Devore, Doheny State Beach, San Clemente State Beach, San Onofre State Beach, Lanterman State Hospital, and Orange County Coast Keeper Garden



## Baseline Conservation Camp #30

16809 Peoria Flat Road — Jamestown, Ca. 95327 — PH: (209) 984-4464

CDCR Staff: 10 — CAL Fire Staff: 16

### Camp History

Baseline Conservation Camp was originally established in 1965, based on grounds at SCC. In 1990, the Baseline Camp operation was relocated approximately 6 miles east of SCC.

Although basic preparation and fire fighting is conducted at SCC by both CDCR and CAL Fire personnel, additional work training continues at the Camp. CAL Fire assures that the inmates are fire and emergency ready and provides a variety of other hands-on project training. Money earned by the inmates is placed into a trust account for their use. They may send money home or save it until they are released to parole. At the camp canteen, inmates may purchase items such as toiletries, correspondence materials, and snacks. They may also participate in hobby crafts or other leisure time activities during their off-work hours. Visiting is conducted during weekends, and families are allowed to bring a picnic lunch for the visit. There are also spiritual services provided by community volunteers. With these benefits, inmates quickly learn that life in a conservation camp is preferable to life behind the walls of a prison and, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

### Community service projects

Total number of projects completed (estimated) 2013: 30

Total number of man-hours currently (as of October) completed for 2013: 72,872

Total number of man-hours projected to be complete in 2013: 112,872

Total Number of Fire man-hours: 118, 567

### Project Descriptions:

- Sonora Unified School District: Clearing of vegetation and debris, painting and other large maintenance projects.
- Tuolumne Parks and Recreation: Vegetation removal, trail construction and improvement.
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: Vegetation and debris removal, fire break improvement, camp site and picnic area cleaning, and small construction/maintenance projects.
- U.S. Forest Service: Fire breaks and trail improvement.
- Rim Fire Rehabilitation



### Growlersburg Conservation Camp #33

5540 Longview Lane — Georgetown, CA. 95634 — PH: (530) 333-4244

CDCR Staff: 1 — CAL Fire Staff: 14

#### Camp History

Growlersburg Conservation Camp began operations in 1967. The camp is jointly operated by the CDCR and CAL Fire. The camp initially housed 80 inmates to be utilized as hand crews for fighting wild land fires and other public service projects. The camp is located on 80 acres approximately 1 ½ miles North of the city of Georgetown off of Highway 193 in El Dorado County between the cities of Placerville and Auburn. In 1980 the dormitory building was increased in size, (nearly 40%), to house 120 inmates. This expanded the fire crew numbers from three crews up to five hand crews. During the remodel, the dorm was the only expansion made to the camp, leaving the kitchen, dining room and waste water treatment plant as originally constructed. Today Growlersburg Camp has a maximum population of 132 inmates who work in assignments devoted exclusively to serving the community, local, state, and federal agencies in wild land fire suppression as well as responding to other emergencies such as floods, earthquakes, and search and rescue operations.

#### Camp Products

The camp has two mobile dimension sawmills that produce stock to build picnic tables that are sold to a variety of public agencies. The camp also has a cabinet shop that was once staffed by a CDCR funded vocational instructor and is currently operated under the direction of CAL Fire.

#### Community service projects

The crews provide labor for various projects such as the construction of shaded fuel breaks for wildland fire safety, the construction of hiking and biking trails, general maintenance and grounds care of community parks, schools, CAL Fire and local fire district facilities, and the landscaping, cleaning, and grooming of Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park Museum in Coloma. Crews assist the University of California; Berkeley's Blodgett Research Forest in implementing various vegetation management, based on research projects as per researchers' specifications.



### Oak Glen Conservation Camp #35

41100 PINEBENCH RD. — YUCAIPA, CA. 92399 — PH: (909)797-0196

CDCR Staff: 15 — CAL Fire Staff: 24

#### Camp History

Oak Glen Camp is located in the San Bernardino Mountains at over 5,500 feet elevation, near the boundary of the San Geronio Wilderness area. The camp is about 10 miles north of Beaumont, near the apple growing community of Oak Glen. The camp is situated on 27 acres of leased Forest Service land within the San Bernardino National Forest utilizing a special use permit for a fire control facility. The San Bernardino County line divides the camp about equally between two counties. Numerous California brown bears make their home in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

Oak Glen Camp was established in 1945 as a tent camp. The original buildings were constructed by inmate labor, out of materials salvaged from the United States Army at Camp Hahn. Many different agencies have provided manpower to Oak Glen Camp, but Cal Fire has been here since it opened. It operated as a CDCR Camp until 1963. In 1963-64 the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as a California Youth Camp operated it. In 1964 it was converted to a Job Corps Center. This was terminated in 1969 and the CDCR Don Lugo Camp at Chino was moved to Oak Glen. It was later converted to California Youth Authority in September of 1972.

On May 15, 1990, a transition took place and the CDCR inmates replaced the Youth Authority wards, and to this day remains the same.

#### Camp Products

Wood products- including custom cabinetry.

#### Community service projects

Cal Fire Cabinet Shop that supplies many fire stations in the area with custom cabinetry. Two Oak Glen crews specialize in tree trimming and bug abatement, which numerous inmates have take the skills learned to use after release.



### Bautista Conservation Camp #36

33015 Bautista Canyon Rd — Hemet, CA. 92544 — PH: (951) 927-3600

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 16

#### Camp History

The camp is nestled in the Historical Bautista Canyon, the route used by the Conquistador Juan Bautista de Anza in his discovery of the Riverside and San Bernardino Valleys. Also known as the sight of the original Bautista springtime exercises. Located some 3000 feet in elevation, the camp is exposed to a medley of climatic conditions, typical to its high desert terrain. Often the summer is dry and hot, while the winter is cold, with an occasional snowfall in the months of December through April. Bautista has a maximum capacity of 120 inmates, which provide six trained firefighting hand crews. When not responding to emergency incidents, the inmates' work on conservation projects including eradication of nonnative plant species at Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Matthews, fighting the bark beetle infestation in and around the community of Idyllwild. Community projects have included construction of community centers, fire stations, parks, and soccer and baseball fields for Valley Wide Recreation District. Bautista's cabinet shop is in demand throughout Riverside Ranger Unit, to design and remodel their offices and living spaces. Bautista is also known for their expertise in making plaques, signs, and distinctive logos. On June 27, 1990, the worst tragedy that a camp could endure hit Bautista. Seventeen Bautista crewmembers were overrun while battling a fire in the Domenigieni Mountains, Southwest of Hemet. This fire resulted in the death of two Bautista crew members, Victor Ferrara and Aaron Perry. In remembrance of the fallen firefighters of Bautista and fallen firefighters throughout the State, a memorial began to take shape and **"THE FIREFIGHTER"** was dedicated in 1997.

#### Camp Products

Auto Shop

#### Community service projects

Metropolitan Water District, Diamond Valley Lake, Idyllwild County and State Parks, Multi Species Reserve preservation and improvements, Lake Skinner, Lake Matthews, Riverside County Parks, Cal Trans, San Jacinto State Parks, Lake Hemet, Valley Wide Parks and Recreation.



### Gabilan Conservation Camp #38

Route 1 — Soledad, California — PH: (831) 678-1873

CDCR Staff: 11 — CAL Fire Staff: 15

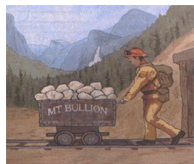
#### Camp History

Gabilan was opened in January 1986. The camp's primary mission is to provide inmate fire crews for fire suppression activities in the Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz County Areas, although the crews may be dispatched anywhere in the State. In addition to fire suppression, the camp supports a MKU (Mobile Kitchen Unit). Inmate fire crews provide a work force for conservation and community service project areas. The CDF in-camp projects include; Vehicle maintenance / repair, Small Engine and Fire Hose Repair Shop. Products are provided to local tax supported governmental agencies.

#### Community service projects

- City of Monterey: Greenbelt fire fuel reduction and habitat restoration including removal of invasive non-native plants, dead trees and plants. Reforestation with native trees and plants ; erosion control and greenbelt maintenance.
- Marina Dunes: planting of indigenous flowers, abatement of weeds, and falling dead trees.
- State Parks: Falling of dead trees, restoring historical sites, building bridges, clearing hiking trails and taking down bridges during winter weather.
- City of Pebble Beach: Fuel reduction on open space lands of DMFF and PBC with principal focus on thinning pine saplings with saplings which sprouted as a result of the 1987 Morse Fire in the Huckleberry Hill area.
- City of Carmel: Flood control and clearing nonindigenous vegetation from waterways.
- City of Del Rey Oaks: Clean and chip willows form intersections and waterways.
- Various Monterey County Projects: Regional Park Laguna Seca Raceway.
- San Benito County Historical Society





### Mount Bullion Conservation Camp #39

5730 Mount Bullion Access Road — Mariposa, Ca. 95338 — PH: (209) 742-5494

CDCR Staff: 9 — CAL Fire Staff: 14

#### Camp History

Prior to October 2004 Mt. Bullion Camp was a Youth Camp. In October of 2004 Mount Bullion was converted to an Adult Conservation Camp. Many modifications were made to existing structures to accommodate the one hundred and ten (110) inmate capacity population. Mt. Bullion's fire protection responsibilities falls within the Cal Fire MMU Ranger district, this includes Mariposa, Merced and Madera Counties. Mt. Bullion is the only camp in the MMU Ranger District. In 2013 there were two major fires within the MMU Ranger District, the Carstens Fire and the Rim Fire. The Rim Fire earned the distinction of being the third largest wildfire in California's history with a total acreage over 250,000 acres. The Cal Fire 69 Hour Fire Fighting Training is conducted at Mt. Bullion for the new seasonal Cal Fire, Fire Fighters. Cal Fire and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation have an excellent working relationship and have a lot of pride in the camp. Cal Fire and CDCR meet twice a week for an open discussion on safety and other issues concerning the smooth operation of the camp.

#### Camp Projects

- Federal Forest Projects; Forest Restoration, Fire Breaks, Weed Abatement
- County Projects; Fire Breaks, Water Shed Management, Utility District Brush Clearing, Weed Abatement, Parks and Recreation restoration, School Clean Up, Roadside Clearing, Tree Clearing and Trimming.
- City Projects; Fire Breaks, Water Shed Management, Utility District Brush Clearing, Weed Abatement, Parks and Recreation restoration, School Clean Up
- National Park Projects; Forest Restoration, Fire Breaks, Weed Abatement.
- State; Fire Breaks, Water Shed Management, Utility District Brush Clearing, Weed Abatement, Parks and Recreation restoration, School Clean Up, Roadside Clearing, Tree Clearing.

### Fenner Canyon Conservation Camp #41

Big Rock Creek Road — Valyermo, Ca. 93563 — PH: 661-944-0173

CDCR Staff: 11 — CAL Fire Staff: 14

#### Camp History

Fenner Canyon Conservation Camp (CC#41) is jointly operated by the CDCR and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire). The camp was opened in the spring of 1991, and currently houses up to 136 minimum security inmates. The camp provides six full time Fire Crews, each containing 17 inmates. The camp's primary mission is to provide inmate fire crews for fire suppression assignments in Los Angeles, Kern and San Bernardino Counties. Crews can be dispatched throughout the State.

The camp environment provides an opportunity for inmates to learn a valued skill and requires the development of sound work ethics. For many criminal offenders this is a first opportunity to productively work at a professional trade. Inmates quickly develop a sense of pride and accomplishment for the work they complete, and many pursue similar work upon release from custody. The camp program provides a large work force at an affordable cost, as well as an effective opportunity for offenders to rehabilitate themselves.

The camp is located in a wilderness environment in the North/East portion of Los Angeles County. Fenner Canyon was first developed/inhabited in 1902, and is named after the superintendent and co-owner of the Big Horn Mine Company, Fred C. Fenner. In 1964, as mine activity ended, the Job Corp opened a center at the current location of Fenner Canyon Conservation Camp. When the Job Corp vacated the facility in 1968, the camp was vacant until 1970 when it was reopened as a Youth Camp for Los Angeles County. In 1979 the facility was transferred to the California Youth Authority and a partnership formed with Cal Fire. In 1990 the Youth Authority withdrew from the camp, and in the early spring of 1991, the camp reopened with adult offenders. Over the years, Fenner Canyon has provided a valued service to the local communities, and provided new opportunities for its residents.

#### Community service projects

- Fuel Reduction / Fire Safety Preparations
- Weed abatement. Clear and repair drainages for flood control preparation.
- General cleanup and light construction requiring labor intensive effort.
- Maintenance of nature trails, camp grounds, fire breaks.
- Snow removal and road clearing as conditions require.
- Trash clean-up along roadways and highways.



## La Cima Conservation Camp #42

15108 Sunrise Highway — Julian, California 92036 — PH: (760) 765-3085

CDCR Staff: 8 — CAL Fire Staff: 11

### Camp History

La Cima Conservation Camp, operated jointly with the CDCR and CAL Fire, originally opened in November 1966. Over the years, La Cima Conservation Camp has been home to both state and county fire crews. La Cima Camp became a teaching, training and fire facility maintained and operated by CAL Fire in cooperation with the California Conservation Corps.

In October 2004, La Cima reopened under the administrative supervision of SCC. La Cima is once again operated jointly with CDCR and CAL Fire. La Cima Conservation Camp is located in East San Diego County, is a ninety (90) man fire camp. The primary function of the camp is to fight wild land fires throughout the state, using minimum custody inmates. In addition to fire suppression inmate fire crews provide a workforce for community service projects in the local area.

### Community Service Projects

CAL Fire inmate fire crews were involved with several community fire prevention and restoration projects during the year of 2012 totaling approximately eighty three thousand (83,000) hours.

Projects included:

- Sunrise Fuel Break - Cleaning up brush, widening of fuel break, felling trees, and general construction;
- Lake Jennings - Weed abatement, and brush clearing;
- El Capitan, San Vicente, Sutherland Dam - Clearing access roads, and cleaning up surrounding brush overgrowth;
- Heise Park - Weed abatement, and brush clearing, fell trees, split wood
- Cuyamaca Peak - Chipping brush, and weed abatement;
- State Parks - Brush clean-up, felling trees, clearing access roads, and weed abatement, trenching, remove & replace water line, fence repair
- Community Service Projects - General Clean-up and various restoration projects.
- Volcan Mountain - - Weed abatement, and brush clearing, fell trees, split wood
- MVU Headquarters – weed abatement, tree removal, trash/debris clean-up, general landscaping, painting, grading, brick work
- Camp Maintenance – Asphalt access road, stobbing brush, La Cima fuel break

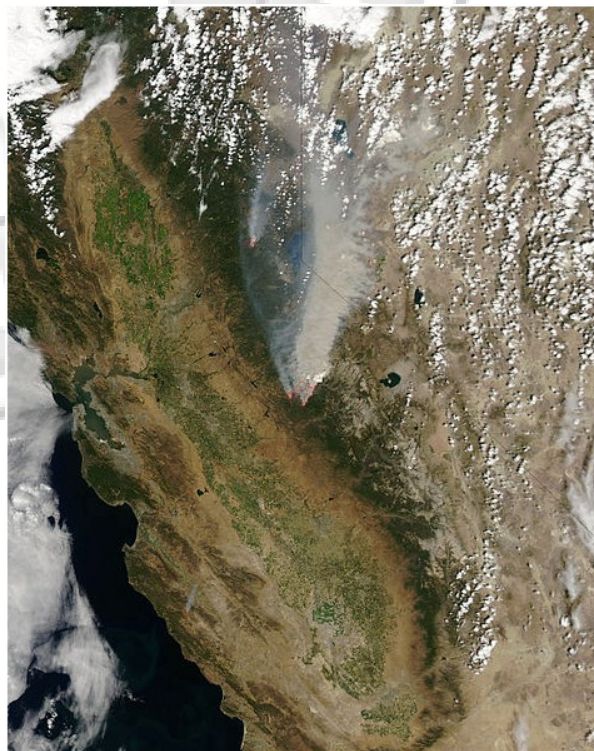
## The Rim Fire of 2013

Named after the Stanislaus National Forest's Rim of the World vista point, the fire erupted on August 17, 2013 in the Stanislaus National Forest east of Groveland when a hunter lost control of an illegal campfire.



The blaze was difficult to fight because of inaccessible terrain and erratic winds, forcing firefighters to be reactive instead of proactive. At the height of the fire, more than 5,000 firefighters – including more than 650 inmates who volunteered as part of California's *Conservation Camp initiative* – worked to contain the fire.

Only 40 acres when it was discovered, it grew to 10,000 acres within 36 hours and 100,000 acres after four days. A total of 257,314 acres was scorched. The fire earned the distinction of being the third largest wildfire in California's history.



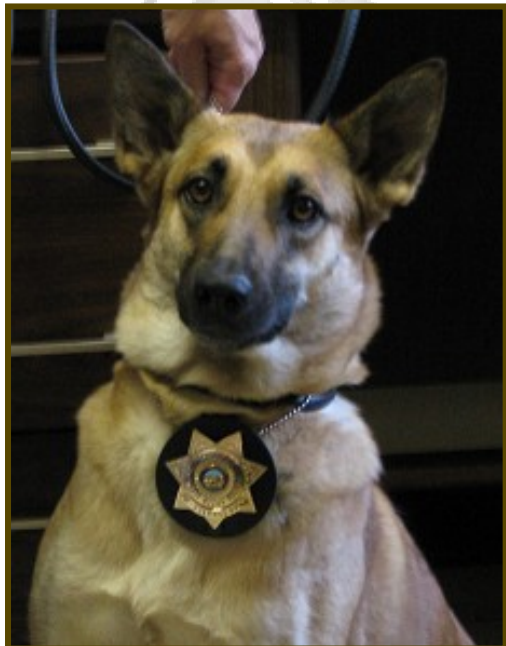




## Duchess

### Making a Dent in Crime One Sniff at a Time!

Duchess is a four year old, Belgian Malinois, Contraband Detection K9. She was born on May 6, 2009 in Pretoria, South Africa, and sworn into service with Badge No. 82249, on August 4, 2011. After attending a four week long academy with her handler, Stacy Brantley, Duchess began her contraband detecting career. Duchess is able to detect tobacco, drugs and cellular telephones.



Since Duchess has been in-service (August 4, 2011 to December 18, 2013) she has discovered the following contraband items:

Cell Phones	–	257
iPod	–	1
Bluetooth	–	17
SIM Cards	–	8
Heroin	–	45.8 grams
Marijuana	–	155.4 grams
Meth	–	82.1 grams
Tobacco	–	85.50 pounds
Syringes	–	22
Smoking Pipes-	–	6
Chewing Tobacco	–	80 cans
Packs of Cigarettes	–	9 packs



In addition to the items above, seven weapons have been discovered due to Duchess alerting. The weapons are usually hidden with cell phones and tobacco. Duchess is a beneficial employee to Sierra Conservation Center and its camps in reducing the amount of contraband being introduced into our facilities.





## **SCC INMATE HOUSING**

### **Facility A (Level I)**

The Facility A Level I yard was originally designed to house 618 General Population inmates. Currently, there are approximately 1,042 minimum custody inmates housed among the 38 dormitories on Facility A. Inmates assigned to Facility A are low level offenders. These inmates are primarily trained in fire fighter training. This enables SCC to fulfill their mission by providing a qualified healthy workforce to the conservation camps.

### **Facility B (Level II)**

The Facility B Level II yard was originally designed to house 608 General Population inmates. Currently, there are approximately 849 minimum to low medium custody inmates assigned among the 38 dormitories. Inmates assigned in the Mental Health Delivery Services are housed on Facility B. The inmates housed on the Level II yard are assigned to various education and vocation programs as a means of rehabilitation.

### **Facility C (Level III SNY)**

The Facility C Level III yard was originally designed to house 500 inmates. Currently, there are approximately 898 medium to high custody Sensitive Needs inmates (including some that have been sentenced to life terms) assigned among the 5 buildings on Facility C. The buildings are a 270 design, meaning that custody staff can see 270 degrees from the control booth. Inmates are placed in Sensitive Needs Housing based on but not limited to the following criteria:

- **Prison Gang Dropout** – The inmate was one of six major prison gangs and has cooperated with law enforcement to drop out of the prison gang. There is an extensive debriefing process associated with gang dropouts.
- **Victim of Assault** – Documented information that the inmate has been a victim of serious assault(s), due to a commitment offense or failure to commit an ordered assault upon another.
- **Significant enemy concerns** – The inmate's testimony in an open court, as well as highly publicized crimes, may generate the need for sensitive needs housing.

Facility C houses inmates assigned in the Mental Health Delivery Services. The inmates housed on the Level III yard are assigned to work in the various education and vocation programs, or to Prison Industry Authority textile factory.

## **SCC OPERATIONAL BUDGET**

### **SCC Workforce Summary Fiscal Year 2013-14**

Number of custody staff:	688
Number of support services staff:	469
Total number of staff:	1,157
Annual operating budget:	\$121.9 Million



# Career Trade Education (CTE) Programs

## Facility A/B Programs

### **Auto Mechanics/Engine Service & Repair (Automotive Service Excellence)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as automotive service technicians and mechanics. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Automobile Dealers, Automobile Repair and Maintenance, and transportation companies.

### **Automotive Body Repair & Refinishing (ASE Certifications)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as automotive body and related repairers. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Automotive Repair and Maintenance and Automobile Dealers.



Vocational Auto Body Community Project 2012

### **Building Maintenance (AKA Construction Technology) (NCCER Certification)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as constructor laborers and helpers to the following construction trades: plumbing, electric, carpentry, roofing, painting, masonry, heating ventilation and air-conditioning. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Residential Building Construction, Building Foundation Construction, Nonresidential Building Construction, Plumbing Contractors, Electrical Contractors, and Heating Ventilation and Air-conditioning Contractors.

### **Carpentry (NCCER Certification)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as: carpenters; construction laborers; drywall and suspended ceiling installers; tapers, carpentry helpers, and cabinet makers. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Commercial and Residential Building Construction, Building Foundation and Exterior Construction, Nonresidential Building Construction, and Building Finisher Contractors.

### **Masonry (NCCER Certification)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as brickmasons and blockmasons; cement masons and concrete finishers; and construction helpers. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Commercial and Residential Building Construction, Building Foundation and Exterior Construction, Nonresidential Building Construction, and Building Finishing Contractors.

### **Welding (NCCER & American Welding Society)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as welder, cutters, solderers, and brazers. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Commercial builders, Heavy Construction contractors, Building Foundations/Exterior Contractors, Building Equipment Contractors, Machine Shops, Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturers and Transportation Maintenance/fabrication.

## Facility C Programs

### **Electronics (NCCER & Electronic Technician Association)**

Certificated students are trained at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as electronic technicians, repairers, network system installers, telecommunications equipment workers, and electronic equipment workers. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Building Equipment Contractors Telecommunications companies, Cable Television Companies, Electronic Manufacturing, Electronic Installation and Mechanical Technicians, Electromechanical Technicians, Communication Systems Installer and Repairers.

### **Office Services and Related Technology (Microsoft Office and IC<sup>3</sup> Certification)**

Certificated students are trained to the level of Microsoft Office Specialist at the pre-apprentice to apprentice level and have the ability to be employed as word processors, typists, and office clerks. Potential employers for individuals in these programs would be Business Administrative support all sectors.



## Prison Industry (PIA)



Garment Factory/Textiles  
(sewing)

## Academics

SCC currently has Adult Basic Education (I, II, and III), and GED programs.

## Other

### **Volunteer, Inmate Leisure Time & Self-Help Program Inventory**

- 12 Steps
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Freedom & Choice
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Responsible Fatherhood
- Veterans Incarcerated Program
- Victims Impact
- Victims Impact – Lifers Group
- Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous
- Evening Literacy





**Notes:**



**Thank you for visiting**



**Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown**